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Dear Haines Coastal Management Plan Amendment Reviewer:

Enclosed is the Public Review Draft of the revised Haines Coastal Management Plan (HCMP). This plan is being amended in accordance with the revised Alaska Coastal Management (ACMP) statutes at AS 46.39 and AS 46.40 and the new ACMP regulations at 11 AAC 110, 11 AAC 112, and 11 AAC 114. If approved, this plan will guide the Haines Borough District's participation in the ACMP, a voluntary state program for the cooperative management of uses and activities in the coastal zone. Uses and activities in the district's coastal zone that require a local, state or federal authorization will be reviewed for consistency with the HCMP. The District provides this draft for your review and comment in accordance with state law at 11 AAC 114.345.

The deadline for receipt of all written and verbal comments is April 4, 2005, at the close of the business day. Comments must be received at the Haines Borough offices, P.O. Box 1209, Haines, Alaska 99827, or hand-delivered to the Haines Coastal Coordinator on or before this date to ensure that they will be considered for incorporation into the next draft of the HCMP. Comments may be provided verbally or delivered in writing at a public meeting scheduled to occur on March 17 at 6 p.m. in Haines Borough Assembly Chambers.

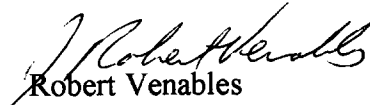
Please be advised that given legislatively mandated completion dates, comment on the Public Review Draft is strongly encouraged. The Haines Borough Coastal District, at its sole discretion, may choose to consider any one or more comments received after the deadline. The district may also, by further written notice to all plan recipients and by public notice, extend the deadline for comments.

The HCMP was last updated in 1993. This Public Review Draft updates the resource information and analysis, and provides an opportunity for the Borough to also revise the plan to reflect the community's current goals and objectives for coastal management. This plan includes enforceable policies that address coastal development, natural hazards, coastal access, recreation, subsistence, transportation and utilities, fisheries enhancement, and historic and cultural resources. It is important for reviewers to realize that the new ACMP regulations limit the topics that can be addressed under coastal management and

do not allow local coastal programs to adopt policies that address coastal resource issues that are addressed in state and federal regulations.

Copies of the current Coastal Management Plan, the Public Review Draft, and supporting information are available for review at the Borough administration office and the Haines Public Library and at the following websites: www.hainesborough.us and www.alaskacoast.state.ak.us. To obtain information on the Haines Borough Coastal Management Program and the planning process, please contact Scott Hansen, P.O. Box 1209, Haines, AK, 99827, or at (907) 766-2231 X23). The Haines Borough Coastal District complies with Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. Individuals with disabilities who may need auxiliary aids, services, or special modifications to participate in this planning process may contact the number above.

Sincerely,



Robert Venables
Haines Borough Manager

Enclosures: